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STATION ORDER 6320.6E

From: Commanding Officer
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Subj: NONNAVAL MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE

Ref: (a) NAVMEDCOMINST 6320.1A
(b) NAVMEDCOMWASH msg P020050Z Apr 85 (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To clarify and describe the policies concerning medical and dental care provided by nonnaval sources for active duty members as prescribed by references (a) and (b).
2. Cancellation. StaO 6320.6D.
3. Background. The policy of Bureau of Medicine and Surgery is to provide quality medical and dental care for all members of the Navy and the Marine Corps on active duty. This is accomplished by Navy Medical/Dental Treatment Facilities (MTF/DTF) or by arranging for care in other federal and non-federal facilities when adequate Naval facilities are not available.
4. General. When members of the Navy or Marine Corps become ill or injured, they shall report to the nearest Naval facility for care. If no Naval facilities are available, initial application shall always be made to other federal facilities as available. Federal facilities are those of the Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service and Veterans Administration. When no federal medical/dental facilities are available, required care may be obtained from civilian sources under the following conditions:
 - a. Emergency Care Requirements. Only in a bona fide emergency will medical, maternity or dental services be obtained under this instruction by or on behalf of eligible personnel without prior authority.
 - (1) Medical or Dental Care. A situation where the need, or apparent need, for medical or dental attention does not permit obtaining approval in advance.
 - (2) Maternity Care. A condition which commences or exacerbates during pregnancy in a manner that a delay, caused by a referral to a MTF would jeopardize the welfare of the mother or unborn child.
 - b. Non-Emergency Care Requirements. Members are cautioned not to obtain non-emergency care from civilian sources without prior approval.

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Obtaining non-emergency care without documented prior approval will result in the member paying all expenses for claims arising from such care.

(1) Individual Prior Approval. When the Medical Affairs Officer or Dental Affairs Officer believes that civilian medical/dental care is appropriate, prior authorization may be made for treatment from civilian sources.

(2) Maternity Care. Pregnant active duty members residing outside Military Health Services System inpatient catchment areas of uniformed services facilities are permitted to choose whether to deliver in a closer civilian hospital or travel to a MTF for delivery. If the government is to assume financial responsibility for non-federal maternity care, the member must obtain prior approval.

(3) Non-Emergency Care Without Prior Approval. If it becomes known that a member intends to seek medical or dental care (inpatient or outpatient) from a non-Federal source and prior approval has not been granted for the use of the Nonnaval Medical and Dental Care Program, the member must be counseled by, or in the presence of, a Medical Department officer. Request that the member sign a statement on an SF 600, Chronological Record of Medical Care, or an SF 603 or 603A, Health Record, Dental as appropriate, for inclusion in the member's Health Record. The statement must specify that counseling has been accomplished, and that the member understands the significance of receiving unauthorized civilian care. This must be accomplished when either personal funds or third party payor (insurance) funds are intended to be used to defray the cost of care. Counseling will include:

(a) Availability of care from a Federal source.

(b) The requirement for prior approval if the Government may be expected to defray any of the cost of such care.

(c) Information regarding possible compromise of disability benefits should a therapeutic misadventure occur.

(d) Notification that should hospitalization become necessary, or other time is lost from the member's place of duty, such lost time may be chargeable as "ordinary leave."

(e) Notification that the Government cannot be responsible for out-of-pocket expenses which may be required by the insurance carrier or when the member does not have insurance which covers the cost of contemplated care.

(f) Direction to report to a uniformed services medical officer (preferably Navy) upon completion of treatment for determination of member's fitness for continued service.

(4) If it becomes known that a member has already received non-Federal medical care without prior authorization, refer the member to

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a uniformed services medical officer (preferably Navy) to determine medical fitness for duty, or the need for medical board action. At this time, counseling measures delineated in paragraphs 3(c), (d), and (e) above must be taken.

5. Requests for Authorization. Requests for non-emergency civilian medical/dental care in the Yuma area will be submitted by the MCAS Branch Medical Clinic. At other locations, requests should be submitted by the nearest federal medical representative.

6. Notification of illness or Injury. If able, members must notify their parent command or the nearest federal activity as soon as possible of the circumstances requiring medical or dental attention in a non-federal facility.

7. Submission of Claims. Members receiving non-federal medical care are responsible for preparation and submission of claims to the cognizant adjudication authority. Contact the Health Benefits Advisor at the clinic for assistance in this procedure.

8. Action. All commands shall ensure that personnel under their cognizance are made aware of the contents of this Order. Failure to comply with the prescribed requirements could result in the member's requirement to pay for the expenses of non-federal medical or dental care obtained.

9. Concurrence. The Commanding Officers of MAG-13, 2d LAAM Bn, MACS-7, MWSS-371, MAWTS-1, VMFT-401, and CSSG-16 concur in and make this Directive applicable to their respective Commands.


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By direction

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